Pakistan has not taken any concrete steps to dismantle the infrastructure supporting terrorism on its territory. Nor has infiltration of terrorists come to a halt.

(c) and (d) According to information provided by the State Government of J and K, the number of incidents of terrorist violence in the State during the calendar year 2002, was 4038 compared to 4522 in the calendar year 2001.

Special cell to deal naxalite menace

146. SHRI RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a special cell to deal with naxalite menace in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how intelligence sharing by the affected States and the Centre would be coordinated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

However, keeping in view the overall dimensions of Left Wing Extremism, a Coordination Centre headed by the Union Home Secretary with Chief Secretaries and Directors General of Police of the seriously affected States, as its members, regularly reviews and coordinates steps taken by the concerned State Government to check left wing extremist activities.

Fight against terrorism

147. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he has recently visited France and Qatar and held discussions with counterparts there;

(b) if so, the details of discussions held and the outcome thereof;